

In a Report by the Government Statist on the Production of the State for 1925-26 laid before Parliament yesterday, is included a special review of the Wool Production of the State for the 16 seasons ended with 1925-26.

For the convenience of quickly summing up the trend of the Industry, the period of sixteen years has been subdivided into three quinquennial periods viz. 1910-11 to 1914-15, 1915-16 to 1919-20 and 1920-21 to 1924-25 and the year 1925-26. Annual means for the three quinquenniums have been calculated for the numbers of sheep and lambs shorn, total weight of wool clip, average weight of fleece per sheep and sheep and lambs combined, grand total wool production in the grease (clip, wool on local skins exported, and wool fellmongered), grand total value and average value per lb. greasy.

Particulars for each season 1910-11 to 1925-26 and the foregoing annual quinquennium means are set forth in graphs.

Numbers of sheep and lambs shorn and wool-clip. The annual means for the three quinquennial periods, and those best indicate the movement of the Industry, were as follows:-

Period	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	Wool Clip in Grease	Av. weight fleece	
			Sheep & Lambs	Sheep Only.
1910-11 to 1914-15	5,630,927	45,979,977	8.17	9.27
1915-16 to 1919-20	5,140,443	41,254,432	8.16	9.58
1920-21 to 1924-25	5,973,306	49,884,816	8.35	9.71

The Season 1925-26 was substantially greater than any of the previous fifteen seasons - the particulars for 1910-11 and the two last seasons being:-

Years	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	Wool Clip in Grease	Av. weight fleece	
			Sheep & Lambs	Sheep Only
1910-11	6,462,619	55,445,609	8.58	9.74
1924-25	6,324,158	55,642,383	8.80	10.55
1925-26	6,915,238	60,380,584	8.73	10.42

Grand Total Production (Wool-clip, wool on local skins exported, and value of same, and wool fellmongered.) The following are the annual means:-

Period	Production in Grease	Value		Used locally (Greasy)
		Total	Per lb. greasy	
1910-11 to 1914-15	55,603,937	1,945,052	8.39	604,132
1915-16 to 1919-20	49,147,923	2,807,345	13.71	828,614
1920-21 to 1924-25	57,829,428	4,287,673	17.79	622,521

B.A.W.R.A. Distribution. In noting the values for the period 1915-16 to 1919-20 it should be remembered that these are exclusive of the profits accruing to growers from the British resale of wool purchased, and which have since been distributed by B.A.W.R.A. The following is the position:-

The Australian clip from November 1916 to June 30th 1920 were purchased by the Imperial Government at a flat rate of 15d. per lb. One half of the credit accumulated beyond this, resulting from profits on resale of Wool by the Imperial Government, was by the purchase agreement to be paid to the Australian growers. This State's share amounted to £2,592,016. Adding this to the seasons 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19 and 1919-20 the annual mean value of wool production for the quinquennium ended 1919-20 would be £3,325,748 instead of £2,807,345 and 16.24 pence per lb. instead of 13.71 pence.

Values for wool were very high for the three seasons 1922-23 to 1924-25 being on the average 17.76d., 22.00d. and 22.97d. per lb. greasy falling to 14.94d. per lb. in 1925-26. The following are the figures for the season 1925-26 in comparison with ~~the~~ 1910-11 and 1924-25. Those interested in the Woollen Industry, specially the growers

Years	Production lbs.	Value in the Season	
		Total to the 31st Dec. 1926	Per lb. greasy 1926
1910-11	63,874,727	2,256,909	278.48
1924-25	62,438,953	5,975,928	22.97
1925-26	69,007,266	4,295,702	14.94

and number sheep at December 31st 1926, the estimates will be as follows: -  
In the years 1926-27 the month of May is estimated to be 22.97 lbs per lb. greasy  
and for the month of July 14.94 data available as a basis for the estimate. A fair percentage  
of the whole and hence the forecasts herewith should very closely  
approximate the final results when completed.

Wool fellmongered. has fluctuated considerably, rising  
from 212,032 lbs. in 1910-11 to 1,820,498 lbs. in 1919-20, the three  
quinquennium periods averaging respectively 269,008 lbs., 1,022,369 lbs  
and 962,240 lbs and 678,146 lbs in 1925-26.

Wool on local skins exported. Owing to less skins being  
exported after 1914-15 a great falling off is noted. The figures for  
the three quinquenniums being 9,354,952 lbs, 6,171,122 lbs and 6,982,372  
lbs and 7,948,56 lbs for 1925-26.

Wool used locally. The heaviest consumption was during the  
war years reflected in the annual average for the middle period of this  
review. The annual averages for the three periods being 604,132 lbs,  
828,614 lbs, 622,521 lbs and 607,986 lbs. in 1925-26.

ESTIMATED SHIPPED DECEMBER 31ST, 1926  
Say 7,450,000

Statistical Office,

WOOL-CLIP, 1926-27.

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Sheep ADLAIDE, Wool-Clip 17th May, 1927. GOVERNMENT STATIST. 550,000  
Wool-Clip (including crutchings) Lbs. 60,380,364 63,307,500  
Average weight of fleeces (sheep and lambs combined) Lbs. 8.73 8.65

### excess over 3. INTERSTATE MOVEMENTS OF WOOL.

During the Season a considerable quantity of wool produced in  
N.S.W., Victoria and some from Western Australia reaches Adelaide for  
the Wool Sales and a fair quantity of this State's wool from the  
South Australia is sent to Victoria. From the monthly records of  
shipments by the Railways and Harbors Departments, it is estimated  
that the quantity of Interstate wool received in Adelaide for the  
Season 1925-26 shipment was 8,150,000 lbs, the totals being Imports  
from N.S.W. 8,150,000 lbs., Exports to States 13,000,000 lbs.

The total of the State's wool-clip, would give an estimated grand  
total of 1,820,498 lbs. of wool in Adelaide for Sale and shipment for  
the season 1925-26.

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